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SUBJ: TANZANIA ESTABLISHES DRESS CODE

GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY TANU, GOT ANNOUNCED EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10 "INDECENT DRESS" WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED IN TANZANIA. "INDECENT DRESS" ACCORDING TO TANGOV DAILY NEWS INCLUDES FOR WOMEN MINISKIRTS, TIGHT-FITTING PANTS, SHORTS, BOUFFANT WIGS, AND EYECATCHING MAKE-UP. KNEE-LENGTH DRESS SEEM TO BE ACCEPTABLE. MEN SHOULD AVOID EARING TIGHT-FITTING OR BELL-BOTTOM TROUSERS, SHORTS, CLOUSE-TYPE SHIRTS AND, APPARENTLY, SHOULD KEEP HAIR TRIMMED REASONABLY SHORT.

2. IN RESPONSE EMBASSY QUERY FOR CLARIFICATION DRESS CODE,
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FON MIN DECLINED TO ISSUE SUCH STATEMENT NOTING THAT, AS IN PAST,

ISSUE OF DRESS CODE WOULD IN TIME BE FORGOTTEN, AND THIS WOULD HAPPEN SOONER IF NOT CODIFIED.

3. NEW DRESS "REGULATIONS" ARE BEING MONITORED BY MEMBERS OF TANY YOUTH LEAGUE AND PEOPLE'S MILITIA. SOME EXPATRIATES HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY SHOULD STOP WEARING VARIOUS TYPES OF CLOTHING WHICH WOULD NOT APPEAR TO COME UNDER GENERAL GUIDELINES. ONE WOMAN WAS TOLD SHE SHOULD NO LONGER WEAR LIPSTICK. MOST TANZANIAN WOMEN ARE AVOIDING CONFUSION BY SIMPLY WRAPING KHANGA CLOTH OVER THEIR REGULAR CLOTHES.

4. COMMENT: AS FON MIN OFFICIAL NOTED, TANZANIA WENT THROUGH SIMILAR EXERCISES IN 1969 AND 1971 WHICH LASTED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND WERE THEN FORGOTTEN. ALTHOUGH CURRENT EPISODE MAY ALSO RUN ITS COURSE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT UNTIL SUCH TIME ALL VISITORS FOLLOW DRESS GUIDANCE NOTED ABOVE.
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